

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

~~The invention relates to the~~ A device and method for recycling of gas used during the quenching process in a thermal treatment, for example, in which.
~~According to the invention,~~ the gas is removed directly from a quenching the chamber and is compressed to the pressure prevailing in the high-pressure container rather than being decompressed into a gas buffer, an additional compression step being connected if the pressure inside the chamber lies below a threshold value, wherefore conduits comprising overflow regulators lead to the individual compression steps.